



Bible study for the week starting April 25, 2021  
SENT>> Who Do You Say I Am?

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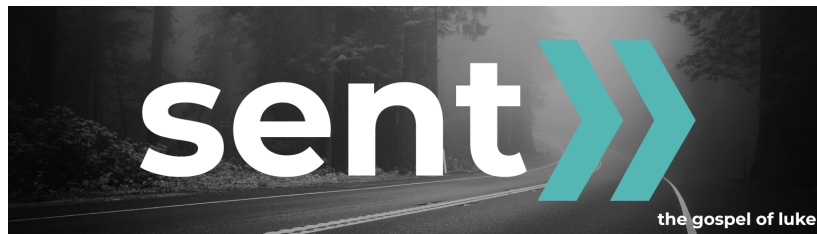
1. This week, a group of our students went through the rite of confirmation, which is an opportunity to declare their faith to their friends, family, church and God. Have you thought through what you would do if you were somewhere you risked imprisonment or death because of your faith in Jesus? Here's an interesting article that claims 1-in-8 Christians worldwide live in areas where Christians are persecuted: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ewelinaochab/2021/01/13/one-in-eight-christians-worldwide-live-in-countries-where-they-would-be-persecuted/?sh=7b78812c5016>

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read Romans 10:8-17. What do you hear in these verses about the importance of speaking the truth of your faith out loud? How is it important for you personally? How is it important for others?
3. Read Luke 9:18-27. I would imagine the disciples had plenty of time to think about and process who Jesus was during their 3 years of following Him. Why do you think Jesus asked first, "Who do others say I am," and then, "Who do you say I am?"
4. Jesus follows this statement of faith by Peter with a vivid description of what He was about to do, and then a vivid description of the sacrifices necessary for a disciple. What's the difference between thinking of being willing to die for Jesus as the *end* result of mature discipleship after a lifetime of following him, versus being willing to die for Jesus being the *beginning* of discipleship?
5. Read Isaiah 40:6-11. We are heralds of the Word of God, which endures forever. Last week was the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diet of Worms: Luther's famous "Here I Stand" defense. You can find a Bible study on this here: <https://www.lcms.org/here-i-stand-sunday>

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

6. Share what's going on in your lives – best and worst – and pray specifically about these concerns and thanksgivings.



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Luke 9:18-27

April 25, 2021 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

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“If you [CONFESS](#) with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and [BELIEVE](#) in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you [WILL](#) be saved. For with the [HEART](#) one believes and is [JUSTIFIED](#), and with the [MOUTH](#) one confesses and is [SAVED](#)” (Romans 10:10).

“Who do the [CROWDS](#) say that I am? Who do [YOU](#) say that I am?”

“If anyone would come after me, let him [DENY](#) himself and take up his cross daily and [FOLLOW](#) me.” -Jesus

Being willing to die for Christ isn't the [PINNACLE](#) of discipleship – being willing to die for Christ is the [BEGINNING](#) of discipleship.

It's not foolish for you to [GIVE](#) your life and let Jesus [SAVE](#) your soul; it's foolish for you to try to [SAVE](#) your life and in the process [FORFEIT](#) your soul.

You don't have to wait until you're [ABLE](#); you just have to be [WILLING](#).